



2020 Alabama Association of Historians Annual Meeting

February 28-29, 2020

The University of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama

Cosponsored by the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area and the
University of North Alabama History Department

DRAFT Schedule

Friday, February 28, 2020

9:00am-12:50pm – Historians at Work, classroom visits to undergraduate history courses (various classrooms)

Lunch on your own

2:00pm-4:00pm – Historians at Work, panel discussion for history majors and graduate students (GUC Performance Center)

6:00pm – Dinner (GUC Performance Center)

7:00pm – Dr. Matthew Downs, keynote address "Power for the People: Muscle Shoals, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the South's New Deal" (GUC Performance Center) – open to the public and university community

Saturday, February 29, 2020

8:30am – Welcome (GUC Performance Center)

9:00am-10:15am

Session A: GUC Performance Center

Chair: Hannah Garmon, Alabama Historical Commission

Miss Jennie Moxley's Memory String: A Reconstruction Story - Frances Robb, Independent Scholar

From Alabama to Algeria and Beyond: The World War II Photography of Major Edwin D. Burwell, Jr. - Caroline Gibbons, University of Alabama in Huntsville Special Collections & Archives and Dudley Burwell, Dudley Burwell Consulting

Commemorating a 'Hero' With a Highway: The Jackson Highway as a Cautionary Tale in Public History - Martin Olliff, Troy University

Session B: GUC Classroom

Integrating Museums into History Education

Brian Murphy, Florence Indian Mound Museum

Ana Peebles, Riverhill School

Anna Mullican, Oakville Indian Mounds Museum and Education Center

10:30am-11:45pm

Session A: *Documenting LGBTQ History in Alabama* GUC Performance Center

Finding and Documenting Birmingham's Queer History Sites - Jim Baggett, Birmingham Public Library Archives

The Invisible Histories Project - Joshua Bufford and Maigen Sullivan, The Invisible Histories Project

Session B: GUC Classroom

Chair: Brian Dempsey, University of North Alabama

Dr. Richard D. Morrison, NASA, and the Transformation of Black Higher Education in Space Age Huntsville, Alabama - Brian C. Odom, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center

In Their Own Words: The Shoals' Reaction to Brown v Board - Allie Roberts, University of North Alabama

From Empire to Republic: MacArthur's Construction of a Democratic Japan - Aidan McKay, University of Montevallo

12:00pm-1:00pm

Lunch, GUC Performance Center

Lunch address:

Why Local History is Important and How to Document it - Hannah Garmon, Alabama Historical Commission

1:15pm-2:30pm

Session A: *A Most Excellent Theophilus: The Life and Legacy of Mars Hill's T.B. Larimore* GUC Performance Center

Chair: Brad McKinnon

Dixieland: The Lost Colony of T.B. Larimore - John Young, University of Alabama

Love, Mercy, Peace, & Truth: The Spiritual Qualities of T.B. Larimore - Nathan Guy, Mars Hill Bible School

The 1897 Larimore-Spiegel Exchange in Its Original and Contemporary Contexts - Chris Cotton, Independent Scholar

Session B: GUC Classroom

Chair: Kayla Scott, Alabama Department of Archives and History

The Defining of the African American Community in Alabama - Justin Rudder, Alabama Department of Archives and History

A Brief History of the Spiritual - Thomas Reid, University of Montevallo

Signal Mountain, Tennessee Lore: The Conner Toll House and Walden's Ridge Historical Association - Stefanie M. Haire, Middle Tennessee State University

2:45pm-4:00pm

Session A: GUC Performance Center

Chair: John Garmon, Consultant

John Melish (1771-1822) Maker of Important Early Alabama Maps - David Robb, Independent Scholar

Folk History Surrounding Alabama Waters - Sara Walley, University of Montevallo

Fort Powell: The Forgotten Story of a Sand Fortification at Mobile Bay - Kayla Scott, Alabama Department of Archives and History

Session B: GUC Classroom

Georgian Papers Programme: Engaging the Community and Kids in Database Creation and Development

Roundtable discussion with Dr. Jeffrey Bibbee, Professor of History (UNA) and Research Fellow (Kings College London); Becky Pickle (Florence Freshman Center); Kim Burney (Russellville); Brandon White (Coffman); Stephanie McCrary (Decatur)